

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

ELECTORAL ROLLS – Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls with reference to 01.01.2009 as the qualifying date – Filling up of vacant posts and ban on transfers and postings of key Government officials connected with Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls, 2009 – Orders - Issued

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS.E) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 6166

Dated: 24th October, 2008.

Read:-

From the Election Commission of India, New Delhi Lr.No.23/AP/2008,
dt.17.10.2008

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ORDER:

The Election Commission of India vide their letter read above has approved the schedule for Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls, 2009. According to the schedule, the preliminary work of identification of staff and their training, elimination of duplicates etc., shall commence from 25.10.2008. Photography campaign shall be taken from 25th October, 2008 to 25th November, 2008. After completion of photography campaign, the draft rolls shall be published on 03.12.2008 followed by final publication on 10.01.2009.

2. The prime objective of the revision is to produce upto date and accurate photo electoral rolls with the cooperation and involvement of the electors, political parties, rural and urban local bodies, NGOs etc. This exercise requires a massive effort on the part of the electoral authorities in the State and this cannot be completed without strengthening them with adequate staff. All vacant posts of Electoral Registration Officers/Assistant Registration Officers who are involved in preparation of photo electoral rolls shall therefore be filled up immediately.

3. The provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 stipulates that any officer or staff employed in connection with the preparation, revision and correction of the Electoral Rolls shall be deemed to be on deputation to the Election Commission for the period during which they are so employed and such officer and staff shall, during that period, be subject to the control, superintendence and discipline of the Election Commission. Any transfer of key officials during the period of revision will adversely affect the work and the quality of revision process. The entire process has a very tight schedule within which vast amount of work has to be completed. It involves meticulous planning, professional management, close supervision and monitoring. It is, therefore, necessary that during the aforesaid period, the transfer of any officers engaged in this exercise should be avoided.

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4. In view of the above, it is necessary that no key officials connected with the exercise of preparation of Photo Electoral Rolls like District Election Officers, the Electoral Registration Officers, the Assistant Electoral Registration Officers, Supervisors, Enumerators and Booth Level Officers should be disturbed from their places of posting without the prior concurrence of the Election Commission from the commencement of the work till its completion. In case it becomes absolute necessary to transfer of the key election officers connected with the preparation of Photo Electoral Rolls or there is any need for shifting of officers due to their promotion etc., the prior concurrence of Election Commission should be sought. Proposal should be sent to Commission through this Department giving detailed and full justification for the same.

5. The District Revenue Officers at district level are playing key role in preparation of electoral roll and supervising the preparation of rolls and conducting meetings with the District Level Agencies. They also act as Coordinating Officers for attending to preparation of photo electoral rolls and issue of EPICs.

6. Further, in order to strengthen the functioning of the Electoral Registration Authorities, it is necessary to fill up all the vacant posts, if any, of the categories mentioned in paras 4 & 5 above connected with the preparation of photo electoral rolls.

7. Accordingly, the Government hereby order that all officials connected with the preparation of photo electoral rolls of Assembly Constituencies i.e. all District Election Officers viz., All District Collectors (except Hyderabad) and Special Officer & Commissioner, GHMC in case of Hyderabad, District Revenue Officers, Electoral Registration Officers (All Sub-Collectors/Revenue Divisional Officers) Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (Tahsildars / Municipal Commissioners), Panchayat Secretaries, Booth Level Officers and Supervisors should not be disturbed from their place of posting from 25.10.2008 without prior concurrence of the Election Commission of India till date of final publication of Photo Electoral Rolls in the respective districts.

8. In case, it becomes absolutely necessary to make any transfer of the above key election officers connected with the revision of photo electoral rolls or there is any need for shifting of officers due to their promotion etc., the Election Commission would consider the same on merits on a case to case basis. In case of Booth Level Officers, when it becomes absolutely necessary to make any transfer of the Booth Level Officers during the revision period or there is any need for shifting of officers due to their promotion etc., the Chief Electoral Officer would consider the same on merits on a case to case basis.

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9. The authorities noted in the address entry (General Administration, Revenue, Municipal Administration and Panchayat Raj Departments) are requested to fill up all the vacant posts, if any, of the officials who are acting as District Election Officers, Electoral Registration Officers or Assistant Electoral Registration Officers, immediately.

10. The Collectors & District Election Officers (except Hyderabad) and Special Officer & Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation & District Election Officer, Hyderabad are requested to take further necessary action in the matter on top priority.

I.V.SUBBA RAO,
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